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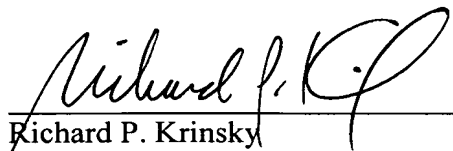
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V. An English Translation of the International Application PCT/EP2004/002143, including 3 sheets of 8 Figures (13 pages).


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